



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 430**

February Session, 2018

Substitute House Bill No. 5262

*House of Representatives, April 12, 2018*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF THE TRIENNIAL AUDIT OF STATE CONTRACTING AGENCIES BY THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4e-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

3 (a) The board shall conduct audits of state contracting agencies,  
4 triennially, to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations  
5 concerning procurement. In conducting each such audit, the board  
6 shall have access to all contracting and procurement records, may  
7 interview any and all personnel responsible for contracting, contract  
8 negotiations or procurement and may enter into an agreement with the  
9 Auditors of Public Accounts to effectuate such audit.

10 (b) Upon completion of any such audit, the board shall prepare and  
11 issue a compliance report for the state contracting agency. Such report

12 shall identify any process or procedure that is inconsistent with  
13 statutes and regulations concerning procurement and indicate those  
14 corrective measures the board deems necessary to comply with  
15 statutes and regulations concerning procurement requirements. Such  
16 report shall be issued and delivered to the state contracting agency not  
17 later than thirty days after completion of such audit and shall be a  
18 public record. The state contracting agency may provide a written  
19 response to the board concerning such report not later than sixty days  
20 after receipt of such report and any such response shall be a public  
21 record. After receiving such response or after such sixty-day period  
22 has elapsed with no response, whichever is earlier, the board may  
23 submit such report and the response, if applicable, in accordance with  
24 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
25 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the state  
26 contracting agency that is the subject of such report, appropriations  
27 and the budgets of state agencies and government administration.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2018	4e-6
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill: 1) alters how the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) delivers and issues compliance reports, 2) permits agencies to respond to the report, and 3) allows the SCSB to submit the report and responses to the Appropriations and Government Administration and Elections committees, as well as the committee of cognizance over the contracting agency.

The bill has no fiscal impact as the SCSB already issues compliance reports within 30 days after completion, and no additional impact is anticipated as a result of submitting reports and responses.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5262*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF THE TRIENNIAL AUDIT OF STATE CONTRACTING AGENCIES BY THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD.*****SUMMARY**

Existing law requires the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) to audit state contracting agencies every three years and, within 30 days after completion, issue and deliver a compliance report, which is a public record. This bill explicitly directs SCSB to issue and deliver the compliance report to the state contracting agency within 30 days after completing the audit.

It also allows the agency to provide a written response regarding the report to the SCSB within 60 days after receipt. The bill specifically makes the response a public record. After receiving the response, or such 60-day period has elapsed with no response, the bill allows the SCSB to submit both the report and response, if any, to the Appropriations and Government Administration and Elections committees, as well as the committee of cognizance over the contracting agency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/23/2018)